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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 2498

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PINS, JA, SY

SUBJ: JAL HIJACKING

REF: ALGIERS 2497(NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS MADE BY THOMAS PHALEN TO EMBASSY OFFICERS  
AT EMBASSY AFTER PHALEN'S RELEASE FROM HIJACKED JAL PLANE:

2. HIJACKERS: AT OUTSET OF HIJACKING, THREE HIJACKERS WERE SITTING  
ABREAST TOWARD REAR OF PLANE WITH TWO OTHER HIJACKERS SEATED BEHIND  
THEM. EMITTING WAR CRIES, THEY DASHED TO FRONT OF PLANE BRANDSHING  
PISTOLS.

3. HANDLING OF PASSENGERS: FOLLOWING INITIAL HARSHNESS INCLUDING  
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PISTOL-WHIPPING OF PURSER AND BEATING OF ONE OTHER PERSON TOWARD  
REAR OF PLANE (PHALEN HEARD BLOWS AND CRIES) TREATMENT OF HIJACKERS  
WAS COURTEOUS. PASSENGERS WERE TOLD TO PLACE HANDS BEHIND HEADS,  
KEEPING HEADS DOWN. HIJACKERS, AFTER DONNING MASKS, HAD PASSENGERS  
TOSS PASSPORTS, THEN WALLETS INTO AISLE.

4. JAL PLANE IS AT DAR EL BEIDA AIRPORT ALGIERS, INTACT.

5. BAGGAGE OF ALL ORIGINAL PASSENGERS IS BELIEVED STILL TO BE ABOARD PLANE.

6. CREW: ALL ABOARD THE PLANE WERE RELEASED; BUT THE CREW REMAINED ON BOARD AS THE OTHER PASSENGERS LEFT.

7. HIJACK LEADER DURING COURSE OF HIJACKING TOLD PASSENGERS THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF HIJACKING WAS TO BRING DOWN PRESENT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

8. BEFORE EMBOFFS HAD CHANCE TO SEE PHALEN HE TOLD PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ONLY THAT HE WAS TREATED COURTEOUSLY AND GLAD TO BE OUT. HE HAD NO REPEAT NO INTERVIEWS.HAYNES

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